

**PATENT APPLICATION**

In re application of

Mitsuyoshi MAKINO

Appln. No.: (Divisional of U.S. Serial  
No. 09/228,239, filed Jan. 11, 1999)

Confirmation No.: (not yet assigned) Group Art Unit:

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For: PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL AND  
METHOD FOR DRIVING THE SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/228,239 filed January 11, 1999; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please further amend the specification as follows:

On page 14, please delete the second full paragraph, and replace it with the following new paragraph:

In the PDP of the present embodiment, the scanning electrodes 12 and common electrodes 33 are disposed in different layers separated by the insulator layer 15a. As previously discussed, a single driving period of the PDP includes a preliminary discharge period, a writing discharge period, and a sustaining discharge period. The sustaining discharge is effected between the common electrode 33 and the data electrode 19, which are referred to as the sustaining electrodes in this text, and the preliminary discharge pulse is applied between the first sustaining electrode (12) and the second sustaining electrode (33) before a writing pulse is applied.

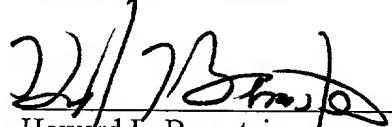
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-6.

**REMARKS**

The changes to the specification herein correspond to those made in parent application serial number 09/228,239. Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification is changed as follows:

Before the first line, the following sentence has been added:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/228,239 filed January 11, 1999; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 14, second full paragraph:

In the PDP of the present embodiment, the scanning electrodes 12 and common electrodes 33 are disposed in [the] different layers separated by the insulator layer 15a[, where the]. As previously discussed, a single driving period of the PDP includes a preliminary discharge period, a writing discharge period, and a sustaining discharge period. The sustaining discharge is effected between the common electrode 33 and the data electrode 19, which are referred to as the sustaining electrodes in this text, and the preliminary discharge pulse is applied between the first sustaining electrode (12) and the second sustaining electrode (33) before a writing pulse is applied.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-6 have been canceled.